



The Knight Times

North Cedar Community School District

Superintendent's Message

The 2023-2024 school year is going strong. Thank you students, staff, and families for getting us off to this great start. Purple pride is visible in our classrooms, hallways, and around our towns.

Facilities

The North Cedar staff and Board of Directors work undoubtedly hard to maintain facilities and to make financial decisions in a way to balance routine and preventive maintenance care while updating other spaces that reflect the purple pride we have at North Cedar Community School District.

With aging buildings and grounds, there are needs on roof repairs, tuck-pointing, heating/AC repairs, and sidewalks. Many of these projects were done over the summer. We will be finishing our Clarence building with a major HVAC project this fall.

Our bus fleet is well maintained and has been updated the last two years to effectively handle our riders. We will continue with our town bus stops which are greatly appreciated by our parents and students. Later this fall, we will have optional key cards or fobs for our younger students to ensure location drop offs and parent communication.

Communications

Just a friendly reminder of all the ways we can stay in touch with our community.

- The Knight Times - Mailed or emailed, if requested, and posted monthly on our website. If you are aware of any individuals that are not receiving this, please encourage them to let us know.
- Remind - Time sensitive announcements, especially those related to weather, will be delivered by mass phone messages, email, text(if setup) messages.
- Email - Informational items will be delivered by email. Your email needs to be updated in PowerSchool.
- Website - Informational items are added to North Cedar News and the school calendar under the Events tab of the district website (<https://www.north-cedar.org/>) nearly every day. Calendars for district activities, lunch menus, facility usage, fundraisers, and much more are all available on our website.
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/nccsd/>)

Go Purple Pride!

Best,
Mark Dohmen

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Message from Principal Carlson

School is back in session, and many great things are happening at North Cedar Jr./Sr. High School! Classes are in session, fall activities are in full swing, and it feels great to have students and staff back in the building! This message will highlight some of the back to school information.

Academics

Students are now in their classes for the fall semester. All of the scheduling adjustments have been finalized. Some changes have been made this year regarding our school day. We have aligned our 7-8th grade schedules with the 9-12th grade schedules. We have also changed the grading system for 7th and 8th graders to be the same as the 9-12th graders (A, B, C, F letter grades will be issued this year). We felt that more uniform policies for our middle school students will help them understand the expectations better when they reach high school. We will continue to use Standards Based Grading throughout the building this year and hope to offer some information to parents who have questions regarding this during PT conferences this fall.

Activities

Volleyball, Football, XC, and Cheerleading are all underway. The volleyball team is off to a great start with a 6-4 record and multiple wins over schools in larger classes than we compete in during the postseason. The football team also started the year off with a 38-6 victory to start 1-0 for the first time in quite a few years. They currently sit at 1-1. The XC team finished 14th at a large meet in Iowa City this week and had some good times that were run. The Cheerleading team has good numbers again this year and has been busy on Friday nights cheering on the football team, and have been actively preparing for our first pep rally at school, coming up this week.

Professional Development

We have been working on ensuring that our teachers have everything they need for the year to start off smoothly. We will have our first full Monday PD on September 18th. We are excited to see how the new system of Mondays every other week for Professional Development will work as it allows us more of a focused day where teachers are not coming off teaching 8 class periods and then trying to shift focus towards professional development. I believe we have some great ideas for teachers this school year!

As always,

GO KNIGHTS!

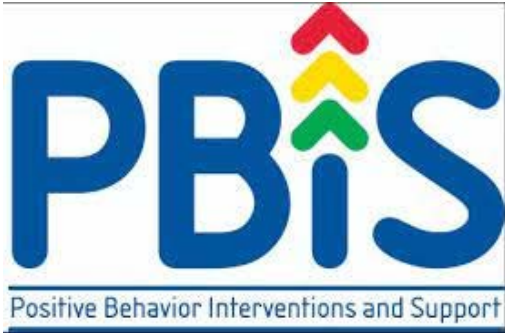


On Monday, September 4, 28 seniors participated in a Senior Sunrise. They met at the football field to watch the sunrise and play games.

Message from Principal Horman

We were excited to welcome students and families back into the school for our “Unpack Your Backpack Night.” This was held on Monday, August 21st, from 5pm-6pm, in both Lowden and Mechanicsville buildings. A big “Thank You” to the Elementary Boosters for providing ice cream sundaes to our students and their families.

PBIS stands for Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports. PBIS is a proactive approach to establishing behavior supports and social culture. It is needed for all students to achieve social, emotional, and academic success. At North Cedar Elementary, we



focus on these three ideas: “Respect Yourself, Respect Others, and Respect Property.” Expectations are taught to all students and common language is used by the staff to remind students of these expectations.

Students, or entire classes, are acknowledged for following these expectations with tickets of different colors depending on the area or situation.

- **Purple Tickets** - Purple tickets are given to entire classes that display behaviors of respecting self, respecting others, or respecting property. These are highly coveted and when a class earns a certain number, they get to choose a whole class reward such as a PJ party or movie.
- **White Tickets** - White tickets are given to students in common areas (cafeteria, lines, hallway, restroom) or in their classroom for displaying behaviors of respecting themselves, others, or property. These tickets are counted at the end of each month and can be used to buy things from our PBIS store.
- **Pink Tickets** - Pink tickets are handed out during recess time from the recess teachers and helpers. They are also handed out by substitute teachers. These tickets are special because they are counted as double tickets. The tickets can be saved up during the month. Students can use them to buy things from our PBIS store.

The PBIS process is an ongoing system that we will continue to refine over time to best fit the needs of our staff and students.

August Board Meeting Highlights

Each month the North Cedar School Board shares a few highlights of our monthly board meetings. These takeaways are messages that the board collectively feels are important for the public to know. Here are the highlights from the August 21, 2023 regular meeting:

1. **Welcome New Teachers.** The board would like to welcome all our new teachers and staff members. We look forward to another great year. Go Knights!
2. **FFA.** FFA shared about their plot and hay. They were happy with their sweet corn sales and wanted to thank the community for their support. They are excited about the greenhouse that is being built at the Jr/Sr High School.

To view the full agenda and attachments of North Cedar School Board meetings, click the Online Board App button at <https://www.north-cedar.org/board-of-education/>. Meeting minutes are also posted online following each meeting.

NAVIGATE & EDUCATE: SEPTEMBER 2023

Available Food

- **1st or 2nd Friday** of the Month - 3:30-4:30 Mobile Food Pantry Drive Thru at First United Methodist Church, 607 Lynn St, Tipton
- **1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Tuesdays** of the Month - 4:00-6:00 Food Pantry @ Peace Church, 414 Maple St, Bennett
- **2nd Saturday** of the Month - 10:00-12:00 Food Pantry @ Zion UCC, 402 Main St, Lowden
- **2nd & 4th Wednesdays** of the Month - 3:30-5:30 Food Pantry @ First UCC, 600 Mulberry St, Tipton
- **2nd & 4th Saturdays** of the Month - 11:00-11:45 Shared Blessings Free Meal @ First United Methodist Church, 607 Lynn St, Tipton
- **2nd & 4th Thursdays** of the Month - 6:00-7:00 Bring Photo ID, UMC, 307 E First St, Mechanicsville
- **3rd Tuesday** of the Month - 3:30-4:30 Mobile Food Pantry @ West Branch Fire Dept, 105 S 2nd St, West Branch
- **3rd Saturday** of the Month - 9:00-10:00 Food Pantry Drive Thru at Foursquare Church, 1100 N Hwy 38, Tipton
- **Every Wednesday** - 5:30-6:30 Food Pantry @ St. John's UCC, 320 9th Ave, Clarence

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DO YOU NEED?

A doctor, dentist, glasses, healthcare, health insurance, therapist, transportation to appointments, food assistance, assistance with rent/utilities, schools supplies, clothing, hygiene products, period care products, help applying for services? Contact School Resource

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HI, IM MS.EMILY
THE SCHOOL
RESOURCE
NAVIGATOR

I connect youth and families with various academic, medical, dental, social/emotional and other support service needs. I provide support, information, assistance identifying options and potential solutions, empowering students and families to set goals and make choices that are right for them. My office is located in the Jr/Sr High School Room 107; however, I work with all North Cedar students and families including those in our elementary schools.

NORTH CEDAR RESOURCE CLOSET PROVIDING FREE CLOTHING AND HYGINE PRODUCTS

The Goal of the Resource Closet is to: Uplift and empower our North Cedar students and families through minimizing financial barriers to basic necessities, so students can focus on their education.

Whitney's Wings Presents...
SUPERHERO TRAINING CAMP
FREE FAMILY FUN!
SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 5PM
OUTDOOR MOVIE AT DUSK
TIPTON CITY PARK
(SOUTH OF FOOTBALL FIELD)
15 SUPERHERO ACTIVITIES
FACE PAINTING
INFLATABLES
FREE GIVEAWAYS
PHOTOBOOTH WITH REAL LIFE
SUPER HEROES!
OUTDOOR MOVIE ON
26FT INFLATABLE
SCREEN!
FREE ICE CREAM TRUCK
BEFORE MOVIE STARTS!

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North Cedar Lunch & Activities Calendar

September 2023

Calendar is subject to change.

Fri., Sept. 1:

Lunch: Chicken Patty

7pm Varsity Football @ Maquoketa Valley HS

Sat., Sept. 2:

8:30am HS Volleyball Tournament @ Midland HS

Mon., Sept. 4:

No School

5:30pm JV Football @ Maquoketa Valley HS

Tues., Sept. 5:

Lunch: Orange Chicken

4pm Jr High Cross Country @ Tipton

5pm HS Cross Country @ Tipton

Wed., Sept. 6:

Lunch: Totally Tacos

Thurs., Sept. 7:

Lunch: Breaded Chicken Drumstick

4:30pm JH Football vs Alburnett @ Stanwood

5:15pm HS Volleyball vs Alburnett @ Jr/Sr High

Fri., Sept. 8:

Lunch: Corn Dog or Cheddarwurst

7pm Varsity Football vs Bellevue @ Stanwood

Mon., Sept. 11:

Lunch: Elem.: Walking Tacos; Jr/Sr High: Nacho Bar

4:30pm HS Cross Country @ Little Bear Country Club

6pm JV Football vs Bellevue @ Stanwood

Tues., Sept. 12:

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets

4pm JH Volleyball vs Lisbon

5:15pm HS Volleyball vs Wilton @ Jr/Sr High

Wed., Sept. 13:

Lunch: BBQ Rib or Pulled BBQ Chicken

Thurs., Sept. 14:

Lunch: Homemade Lasagna

4pm JH Volleyball vs Calamus Wheatland

4:30pm JH Football @ Maquoketa Valley HS

5:15pm HS Volleyball vs Calamus-Wheatland @ Jr/Sr High

Fri., Sept. 15:

Lunch: Savory Chicken Breast

7pm Varsity Football @ North Linn HS

Sat., Sept. 16:

9am HS Volleyball Tournament @ Springville HS

Mon., Sept. 18:

No School - PD Day

4:30pm HS Cross Country @ Bellevue Golf Club

6pm JV Football @ North Linn HS

6pm School Board Meeting @ Stanwood

Tues., Sept. 19:

Lunch: French Dip Sandwich

4pm JH Volleyball @ Midland HS

5:15pm HS Volleyball @ Midland HS

Wed., Sept. 20:

Lunch: Elem.: Mini Corn Dogs or Hot Dog; Jr/Sr High:

Chicken Wings

Thurs., Sept. 21:

Lunch: Pizza

4:30pm JH Football vs Lisbon @ Stanwood

Fri., Sept. 22:

Lunch: Elem.: Burger; Jr/Sr High: Burger, Cheddarwurst or Hot Dog

7pm Varsity Football vs Starmont @ Stanwood

Sat., Sept. 23:

9am HS Volleyball @ Jr/Sr High

Mon., Sept. 25:

Lunch: Crisпитos

4:30pm Cross Country @ 3-30 Golf & Country Club

Tues., Sept. 26:

Lunch: Breaded Pork Chop or Salisbury Steak

4pm JH Volleyball @ Marquette Catholic HS

5:15pm HS Volleyball @ Marquette Catholic HS

Wed., Sept. 27:

Lunch: Spaghetti

Thurs., Sept. 28:

Lunch: Breaded Dill Chicken Bites

4pm JH Volleyball vs Prince of Peace

5:15pm HS Volleyball vs Prince of Peace

Fri., Sept. 29:

Lunch: Chicken Bacon Club

7pm Varsity Football vs East Buchanan @ Stanwood

The mission of North Cedar Community School District, in partnership with its community and staff, is to ensure a safe and caring environment for each student, providing the essential knowledge, values, skills, and attitudes to create lifelong learners who are responsible, contributing, and productive citizens in a changing and increasingly diverse world.

Everything we do at NCCSD is for our students, and we encourage them all to take part in the enrichment and extracurricular opportunities for which they are eligible.

- Athletics for junior high school and senior high school students
- Fine arts activities for 5th through 12th graders
- Extracurricular clubs and organizations for junior high and senior high school students
- Counseling services for all grades

An active, supportive community strengthens NCCSD. Parents and patrons who elect to get involved and support our students and their activities aid the district.

- Athletics Boosters bolster our student athletes and the athletics programs
- Encore Club supports our fine arts programs
- Knights Community Organization fosters the relationships between parent, student, staff, and community
- North Cedar Education Foundation provides financial support to help broaden the district's education opportunities

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